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In the claims:

Cancel claims 52-89.

Amend claims 90-93 as follows:

90. (Amended) The method of claim 92 wherein the wipers are acutely angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the plug.

91. (Amended) The method of claim 92 wherein the wiper closest to the one end of the casing is overlapped by the other wiper.

92. (Amended) A method for wiping the inner surface of a casing comprising:

providing a plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface;

applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the plug within the casing; and  
providing an insert across a central opening in the plug for closure thereof, wherein the insert is a shearable member adapted for shearing and opening the central opening when a predetermined pressure is applied across the shearable member or a substantially non-shearable member adapted for substantially permanent closure of the central opening.

93. (Amended) A method for wiping the inner surface of a casing comprising:

providing a plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface;

applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the plug within the casing;

providing an additional plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface; and applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the additional plug within the casing.